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SUBJECT: PL 480 AND TRADE WITH NORTH VIETNAM

REF: (A) DAMASCUS 664; (B) BEIRUT 2437

1. IN LIGHT PL 480 REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO COUNTRIES
WHICH TRADE WITH NORTH VIETNAM (NVN) AND EXISTENCE OF
TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN SYRIA AND NVN, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES
IT IMPORTANT THAT WE CONFIRM WITH SYRIAN GOVERNMENT AC-
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PORTED PARA 1, REF A THAT TO HIS BEST KNOWLEDGE THERE WAS

NO 1974 TRADE BETWEEN SYRIA AND NVN. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE SHOULD TRY TO OBTAIN, IF POSSIBLE, ANY DATA COMPILED SO FAR BY SYRIAN GOVERNMENT REGARDING ACTUAL 1974 TRADE, EVEN THOUGH SUCH DATA MAY ONLY BE AVAILABLE FOR PART OF LAST YEAR. REPORT ON SYRIAN COTTON EXPORTS CONTAINED PARA REF B SUGGESTS THAT SOME OFFICIAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR 1974 MAY BE AVAILABLE EVEN IF DATA FOR WHOLE YEAR HAS NOT BEEN COMPILED.

2. REQUEST RESPONSE BY IMMEDIATE CABLE. ISSUANCE OF PA'S BEING HELD UP PENDING RECEIPT OF YOUR REPLY.

3. FYI: RECENT AMENDMENT TO FAA PERMITS PRESIDENT TO WAIVE RESTRICTION ON ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES TRADING WITH NVN ON BASIS OF DETERMINATION THAT SUCH ASSISTANCE IS IN QUOTE NATIONAL INTEREST OF UNITED STATES UNQUOTE. END FYI. KISSINGER

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